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## Kenyon Farmers Market

By Cheri Roshon

As spring evolves into summer, we start looking forward to the fun of Farmers Markets in our area. This year will be the 4th year that Kenyon's Park and Recreation Department will host a Farmer's Market and Craft Fair, and I am looking forward to seeing all the familiar faces, and hoping to see some new ones as well.



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## It's Spring At Last!

By Cheri Roshon

Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the Beulkes is? Yes! This is the best time of year. Grass is getting green and the buds are popping out on the trees. And of course, my little ditty at the beginning of this article reminds us that Beulkes and Flowers go hand in hand!

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## Anything Goes

By Cheri Roshon

Jake and Alicia Grant are once again sponsoring the Anything Goes event at Jake's Liquor Store this year! It has been a pleasure to be a part of this event, because it's fun to meet new people, and have the opportunity to not only purchase one of a kind products, but also to sell things we no longer need. Think of it as a weekly downsizing!

It's not a rummage sale, and it's not a craft fair.

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## Announcements

- **Goodhue County Breakfast on the Farm, June 5th from 7 am to 11 am at Bombay Dairy, 6045 Highway 60 Blvd, Kenyon.** Hosting is the Lexvold Family - Wayne and Donna, Nathan and Kaitlin, and Mitchel and Mallory. Email: [Bombay-dairy95@gmail.com](mailto:Bombay-dairy95@gmail.com). Phone 507-330-6237.

- **The Hiawatha Valley Genealogy Society meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Goodhue County History Center, 1166 Oak St., Red Wing, MN 55066.** The society welcomes participants of all ages and genders who are interested in discovering, researching, or expanding their knowledge of their family's ancestors. Whether you are just beginning or have years of experience, the group offers a supportive environment to help you build your genealogy skills and connect with others who share your interest. Your first meeting is complimentary!

- **Save the date! 2026 Dennison Days August 7 & 8.**

- **Hiawathaland Transit:** Service hours are 7:30am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. Call dispatch at 866-623-7505 Monday through Friday 6am-9pm and Saturday 7:00am-5:00pm. Visit [threeiverscap.org](http://threeiverscap.org) for more information.

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## Local Mission Heads to Ethiopia

By Tyler Weeks

"Welcome to the Student Ministries Ethiopia 2026 trip! Your application was accepted. Your trip leader will reach out to you soon." This email, shining by light of a late-night computer screen, arrived in four Hosanna Ministries students' inboxes at the end of last year. Since the idea of high schoolers traveling to East Africa didn't yet seem plausible, they held a tentative breath. By the first team meeting, however, the chance to embark on this mission trip to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and share the Good News from July 31st to August 9th grew beyond mere pixels. Alongside the three team leaders—Erin Maroney, Jeff Wright, and Markus Rentschler—four students will embark on this journey: Calvin Reichwald, Kate Schwartz, Danuu Daka, and the author of this article, Tyler Weeks.

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Pictured to the left, Hosanna's Ethiopia 2026 mission trip team. Pictured from left to right: Jeff Wright, Danuu Daka, Tyler Weeks, Dr. Gemechis Buba (mission host), Calvin Reichwald (photoshopped), Markus Rentschler, Kate Schwartz, and Erin Maroney.



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## Is War Godly? A Biblical Perspective

By Johannes Marsland

With war raging in Iran, people of faith ask, “Is war godly?” The Bible does not paint war as humanity’s noble pursuit or God’s preferred path. Yet Scripture repeatedly shows the Creator engaging directly in warfare, division, conquest, and judgment—always for sovereign purposes of justice, humility, and the ultimate triumph of righteousness. Far from endorsing every human battle, the biblical record reveals a God who wields the sword with perfect restraint, targeting evil and never delighting in needless suffering.

Let us examine the scriptural witness point by point.

War in Heaven?

The first war recorded in Scripture was not on earth but in heaven. “Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven” (Revelation 12:7-9). God’s forces decisively defeated Satan and his rebellious host, casting them to earth. War, in this primal sense,

was God’s own response to cosmic rebellion. God has used division to humble human pride.

At the Tower of Babel, humanity sought to make a name for itself and defy God’s command to spread across the earth. The Lord responded not with fire from heaven but with division: “Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other” (Genesis 11:7).

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## Announcements

• **All are welcome to breakfast, fellowship, bible study, and prayer time every Saturday morning at Hauge Lutheran Church in Kenyon.** Breakfast and fellowship start at 8:00 am. Followed by a verse by verse bible study. Finishing with prayer time at 10:00 am. All are welcome (men, women, and children) each Saturday morning!! Any questions, please contact Loren Bauer: 507-450-6623.

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### A Sign of Healing and Life

*Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, they lived. — Numbers 21:9*

Israel had a lot to learn about being the people of the holy and faithful God. In our story today the people grew impatient with God again as they traveled through the wilderness.

They spoke against God and against Moses, saying, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?” Sometimes the Lord was merciful when the people acted so rebelliously, but other times, when they had gone too far, the Lord sent punishment. This time the consequence for their actions was a plague of venomous snakes, and a number of the people died from snakebites.

What would happen next? How would salvation appear for these unfaithful people?

In what is a preview of the saving work of Christ, a bronze snake became an instrument of healing and life. Moses made a bronze snake and lifted it up on a pole, and the people were told to look at this snake and live. Many years later Jesus explained that this miracle in the wilderness pointed to the gift of his own life for us all (being lifted up on a cross—John 3:14-15). Through this act of faith, we are freed from death!

*Lord, we can be so rebellious and stubborn in our resistance to you. Help us to look to you and believe in Jesus, who was lifted up for us. Amen.*

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## Is War Godly?

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In a single stroke the people were scattered, their grand project halted, and their arrogance humbled (Genesis 11:1-9). Division itself became a merciful restraint on destructive hubris.

God personally waged war against the Egyptians.

During the Exodus, Pharaoh's oppression of Israel brought divine intervention. The plagues were acts of war; the final deliverance at the Red Sea was total victory. Moses sang, "The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name" (Exodus 15:3). The Egyptian army was drowned while Israel walked through on dry ground (Exodus 14:13-14, 27-28). God fought for His people when no human army could wiping out the opposing army and decimating the economy of the Egyptians.

God established Israel through conquest of wicked nations.

When the Israelites entered the Promised Land, the command was clear and uncompromising: "The Lord your God will drive out those nations before you... You must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy" (Deuteronomy 7:1-2; see also Joshua 11:20). The conquest under Joshua was not imperial greed; it was divine judgment upon nations whose idolatry and moral corruption had reached full measure (Genesis 15:16). God used Israel as the instrument to cleanse the land.

God used war to correct Israel.

When Israel and Judah turned to idolatry and injustice, God did not spare them. He raised up foreign armies as instruments of discipline. To Judah He declared, "I myself will fight against you with outstretched hand and mighty arm in furious anger and in great wrath" (Jeremiah 21:5). The result was the Babylonian conquest and the exile of the Jews from their land. (2 Kings 25:1-21; 2 Chronicles 36:15-21). Even God's covenant people were not exempt when they rebelled.

God then punishes those who cruelly war against His people.

The very nations God used as rods of correction were themselves judged for their excessive cruelty. Assyria, called "the rod of my anger" (Isaiah 10:5), was later condemned: "When the Lord has finished all his work against Mount Zion and Jerusalem, he will say, 'I will punish the king of Assyria for the willful pride of his heart'" (Isaiah 10:12). Babylon, which destroyed Jerusalem, faced its own prophesied downfall (Jeremiah 50:17-18; 51:24). Both of these nations were cruel in the war they waged suffered judgment for their excesses. God's justice is impartial; no one escapes accountability.

God's wars are limited to confronting evil and executing judgment.

Scripture never portrays God's wars as endless vendettas. They are precise instruments of judgment. The Lord is "slow to anger and abounding in love" (Exodus 34:6), yet when wrath comes it is measured to accomplish its purpose: the removal of evil so that righteousness may flourish. Once the cancer is cut out, the sword is sheathed.

Jesus, the Prince of Peace, promotes the sword.

Isaiah called the coming Messiah "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6), yet Jesus declared, "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother...'" (Matthew 10:34-36). The sword Jesus brings is the dividing power of truth and allegiance to Him—often splitting even families. Ultimate peace comes only through the cross, but the path to that peace involves conflict with darkness.

The transition to Christ's reign is accomplished through penultimate battle.

The book of Revelation culminates in a final, decisive war. Heaven opens and the rider on the white horse—Faithful and True—leads the armies of heaven. "Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. 'He will rule them with an iron scepter.' He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty" (Revelation 19:11-15). The enemies of the Lord are slaughtered; evil is decisively defeated (Revelation 19:17-21).

Christ will reign with a rod of iron.

Psalm 2:9 prophesied of the Messiah, "You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery." The New Testament applies this directly to Jesus: "He will rule them with an iron scepter" (Revelation 2:27; 19:15). His reign is not democratic suggestion but absolute, righteous authority. Revelation 20 describes the Millennium, when Satan is bound and the saints reign with Christ.

The nations are under His direct rule. Zechariah's vision of the same period shows surviving nations required to worship the King or face judgment: "If any of the peoples of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord Almighty, they will have no rain" (Zechariah 14:16-19). The rod of iron ensures that rebellion is swiftly corrected and peace is maintained by the King's unchallenged power.

The biblical record is clear: war is never portrayed as inherently good or something God delights in for its own sake. Yet the same Scriptures show that the holy God has initiated, directed, and concluded wars to humble pride, judge sin, protect His people, and establish His righteous kingdom. Human wars driven by greed, hatred, or conquest stand condemned. But when the Lord of hosts takes the field, it is always to uphold justice and to prepare the way for the final peace that only the Prince of Peace can bring.

Until that day, believers are called to "seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14) while never forgetting that the God who once fought for Israel now fights for every soul that trusts in His Son. The ultimate answer to "Is war godly?" is therefore this: only when God Himself declares it necessary, and only until His perfect will is accomplished. In the end, "He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" (Isaiah 2:4). Until then, we trust the Warrior who became the Lamb, and who will one day reign forever in perfect peace.

## Local Mission Heads to Ethiopia

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The student ministries program that brought them such an opportunity is best explained by Jenn Alexander, one of Hosanna's lead pastors.

"Here at Hosanna, our students move along a pathway where they get to learn the faith in grade school. Then, when they're in middle school, they get to embrace the faith. And when they come into high school, we encourage them to live and even share the faith. And often that happens through impact trips."

Choosing to spread the Good News in Ethiopia's capital city started with much more than an email, however. It came from these students' increasing involvement in Hosanna's youth group program, whose four campuses in Lakeville, Rosemount, Shakopee, and Northfield attract hundreds of

students. Attending these Wednesday night programs since middle school led the author, for instance, to get baptized, confirm their faith in Christ, and become a devout believer. The program's "engaging worship, dynamic teaching, prayer ministry, serving opportunities, and interactive small groups" allows him and other students to cultivate their own faith rather than one built from routine Sunday services or unhealthy masks. Since his junior year, these steps have included sharing testimonies, giving messages, and eventually leading a middle school group of 7th grade boys. An opportunity to serve on a Native American reservation in Wind River, Wyoming fanned into flames his faith with an important realization.

Jenn Alexander: "The sense is that the impact goes both directions. It's easy to think we're only going to go to this place to make an impact, and we do—those stories multiply as we bring the hope and the heartbeat of Jesus into really hard situations. But the stories that come home are so much more often about how you were impacted and around gratitude for what you have."

Preparing students for such an endeavor typically starts by establishing a place's culture, history, people, and a rather critical reminder from the Northfield student ministries director, Jeff Wright: "This is not a vacation. It's not a me-centered trip. This is a Jesus-centered trip." Another simple rule made the Wind River trips he has hosted especially powerful: no phones.

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## OBITUARY

### Senora Qualene "Cindy" Husaby

Senora Qualene "Cindy" Husaby, age 95, a lifelong resident of Cannon Falls, died on Wednesday afternoon, April 15, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.



Cindy was born on August 14, 1930 in the Sogn area, the daughter of Lewis and Amanda (Strombach) Qualle. She graduated from Kenyon High School in 1948, and married Marland "Peanuts" Husaby on November 4, 1948 in Dennison. They made their home in Cannon Falls and had four children. She was a member of First English Lutheran Church in Cannon Falls and had been active as a church circle leader. She also served on the Cannon Falls Hospital Auxiliary.

Peanuts took Cindy roller skating on their first date. Over the years, they enjoyed dancing (so many polka fests) and family vacations "up north". Her family was very important to her, and she loved being together with them! She planned many family get-togethers over the years. She loved quilting and made sure all family members had a quilt she made. She worked at various positions, but the majority of her career was in accounting.

She was preceded in death by husband of 76 years, Marland "Peanuts" in 2025; son, Roger in 1957; parents; parents-in-law, John and Christine Husaby; brothers, Clifford, Joseph, Edward, Russell, Henry, Walter, Virgil and Leslie Qualle; half brother, George Qualle; sisters, Lillie Wohfiel, Agnes Lawson, and Gertrude McKinley; sisters-in-law, Leann Nelle Qualle and Joanne Molstrom; and sons-in-law, Bill Langsdorf, Bruce Anderson, and John Althoff.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen (Royce) Anderson of Hastings, Phyllis Althoff of Cannon Falls, and LuAnn (Rick) Hughes of Cannon Falls; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Darlene Qualle and Arlene Qualle of Cannon Falls, Gerald (Marilyn) Husaby of Cannon Falls, and Jeanne (Bryan) Skillestad of Cannon Falls; grandchildren, Heidi Anderson of Elko, Mindy Bekker of Cottage Grove, Mitch (Angie) Althoff of Randolph, Mike (Stephanie) Althoff of Cannon Falls, Andy (Erica) Althoff of Cannon Falls, Christie (Jesse) Makarios of Lakeville, Mandy Langsdorf (Justin Malecha) of Pine Island, Cole (Morgan) Langsdorf of Cannon Falls, Jake (Clare) Hughes of Fargo, ND, and Kara (Andy) MacDonald of Lester Prairie; 17 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 1 at 11:00 am, with visitation from 9:30-11:00 am, at First English Lutheran Church, 511 W. Belle St., Cannon Falls. The church will live-stream the service and will be available to watch here.

Honorary urn bearers will be her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be given to First English Lutheran Church, Cannon Falls.

## Anything Goes

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It is not a farmer's market, or an event you HAVE to be at every week.

It's Anything Goes!!! You can set up a table once a month, or every week. Some markets charge a fee, but not here! Some events have set hours and expect the vendors to show up every week for the full time....Nope! Some places say you can only sell "this or that", but not at Anything Goes!

When people ask me what is there, I say "anything from car parts to pickles". They get a good laugh out of that, but it's true. Anything you have, whether you created it or not, can be sold here. Have some clothing you no longer wear? Get rid of it! Bake some brownies last night, and need to share? Bring it on! Kids outgrown their toys? I bet there's a kid out there that would love them.

This is a call to action for those of you who want to give it a try, or want to come and check it out. All you have to do is show up, set up a table and a chair, and bring your smile! Some days we have 3 or 4 vendors, and sometimes we have 8 or 10! Do you play

music, and have some dvd's to sell? Come and play for us and sell the dvds! Personally, I would love to see the whole grass lot filled with fun things to eat and wear.

Our vendors in the past have brought fresh produce, canned goods, dirty sodas, and artisan breads. Brownies, cookies and freeze dried candy have been known to be there. Remember our youngest vendor, 9 year old Will with his Willures? Or 13 year old Gracie with her beautiful bracelets? It is so moving to see the younger generations get a taste of what it feels like to be proud of their craft, and make some money doing what they love!

So, if you have a bit of time from 4 to 7 every Wednesday throughout the spring, summer and fall, it's time to get out the things you want to sell and bring them to Anything Goes and make yourself some extra cash! Last year there was a wide variety of food trucks set up to feed you while you shop. Who knows what may conspire this year? Drink specials at the new bar? Sales of different liquor and beer? If the weather is nice, you can be sure someone will be there. If you want to know if the food trucks are there, come on down and see, or call Jake's and ask. Looking forward to the warm weather, and maybe this year it won't rain every Wednesday like it did last year!

So gather the things you no longer need, that you have crafted lovingly, or that you have to sell, and we'll see you there!

## Kenyon Farmers Market

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Located in the parking lot of First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 309 Forest Street in Kenyon, this has been a growing adventure, and people are coming out with woodworking, paintings, candies and cupcakes, as well as artisan breads, coffees from around the world and local honey products. There will be fresh produce later in the season, beautiful flower bouquets, and jewelry, and many items that are handmade and unique.

This is a call for vendors! To find out more about the rules, contact the Kenyon Park & Rec and let them know you are interested in joining the fun! It will be held from 4 pm to 7 pm the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, starting in June. Bring your own tables and chairs, and whatever you need to show off

your wares! There is no charge to attend, and no rules as to when you can come and go. Can you only be there once a month? No Problem! Can you only attend from 4 pm to 6 pm? No Problem! Do your chickens only lay enough eggs to be there part time? NO Problem! This is an opportunity to have some fun and make some extra cash. All they ask is that the items you sell are homemade, homegrown or hand crafted, with no direct sales booths.

There will be food trucks when possible, so come out for some shopping and dinner.

The Park & Rec would like to thank the church for allowing this to happen in their parking lot, our previous vendors for showing up, and thanks to the locals who are loyal to the efforts of our vendors! Hope to see you soon!!

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Daunting as this may seem in a social media-littered world, the decision to cut off this perceived connection ushers in a more powerful, raw connection with team members. Rather than having faces tucked in their phones, students are forced into conversations with different campuses that may be a little awkward at first. However, each passing day and a genuine commitment to grow your faith also grows the team and its relationships. Walls break down. Masks are torn off. And the somewhat disconnected environment transforms into a tight-knit group that creates something truly special for the next ministry year.

Jeff Wright: "They are emotional trips if you allow them to be. If your heart is truly open, and you're receptive to what the Lord wants to do within you—within your team—they are emotional. I can attest to that every year. So many things happen within these trips, but the mountaintop experience that we so often hear about takes work. As you prepare for a trip, it takes work. As you're on the trip, it takes work."

Having experienced this transformation, Wind River was, for good reason, the only mission on the author's mind for 2026. Returning to the reservation would have reignited the powerful bonds fostered over that week. Yet Ethiopia was tugging at his and two other hearts in Northfield, urging them to step out and seek discomfort in East Africa. When they lift off for Addis Ababa on July 31st, Dr. Gemechis Buba and the rest of his team will welcome them with open arms. His rapidly expanding non-profit organization, Leadstar International, has been advancing Christ's mission in America, Africa, and the Middle East since 2015. Alongside accompanying students at their summer camp, the team will work with Ellilta to empower the families of previous trafficking victims. Taking from his twenty years of missionary work, Jeff Wright stated that "these people truly do have nothing, and yet they're still happy. They still love Jesus and they're still willing to be hospitable and to love just where they're at." Such gratitude and contentment demands the question: are we taking the things of our lives for granted?

"As you're on the trip, you have to live in tight quarters with people for seven, 10, 15-day spurts, and you learn a lot. You experience so many incredible things along this journey. And it ultimately changes the trajectory of our life and what we get to do—where we live, work, study, and play. It is hard to come off that mountaintop and live in the valley, but taking that beauty and experience home truly transforms the lives of students."

No Bible verse speaks to the "summit" of this journey quite as well as Acts 1:8, which serves as Hosanna's unofficial mission trip motto. It teaches that "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." These seven team members happened to choose Ethiopia, but their impact will end up multiplying the hope and heartbeat of Jesus throughout Africa, back in Minnesota, and into whatever valley the Lord calls them into. As is expected this summer, many leave missions feeling called to join Hosanna's team, become middle school leaders, or serve in children's ministry and other trips. Regardless of the path, their stories are reminders that the mountaintop waits for all of us. Rather than standing down, let us put on the boots of peace from Ephesians 6:15, seek discomfort, and trust in direction greater than our own. Are you ready to start the climb?

See the full details of this trip and consider supporting the author's remaining fundraising at <https://hosanna.managedmissions.com/MyTrip/tylerweeks>.

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## It's Spring At Last!

(continued from page 1)

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Oh what a joy it was to take a sneak peak with Jim and Susie as I interviewed them as to the upcoming season.

They informed me that this year is going to offer all that they have had in the past 32 or so years since they began this adventure, plus a bit more. Since they are known for their Coleus plants, you will be able to choose from the wide variety they have always grown. There's even one distinct Coleus called a Skeleton. It is amazing! Along with the annuals they carry, they have added more to the perennial selection, and will have a larger selection and quantity of vegetable starts for you home gardeners out there. You will be able to choose from premade Patio Pots, or purchase your own selection to make one yourself..

The planting season kicks off this weekend on Friday, April 24th with a soft opening for all of us who are patiently waiting to get our hands dirty. As in the past few years, the opening celebration will be Mother's Day weekend on May 10th. There will be refreshments and door prizes, and the first 100 Moms to arrive will get a pretty special gift to help in their gardening endeavors! You will find an assortment of hanging baskets at a wide variety of prices, so everyone can afford to spruce up their yard. As you know if you have been a patron in previous seasons, these flowers, started from seeds and cuttings by the Beulkes go fast, so if there are particular flowers or colors you are focusing on this year, come early so you can get what you want!

If you are new to the greenhouse, there is more to it than just selling plants. Affection-

ately called The Florist and The Farmer, you will find Susie and Jim hard at work in and about the plants. They have help from their kids, Jack and Ellyn, and a few local ladies to help with the retail sales, but there's more to it than that! Susie makes beautiful wedding bouquets and flowers to make a wedding shine, and also provides flower arrangements for proms and funerals. They do urns for the gravesides of your beloved, too. If you need vases and centerpieces for your wedding, look no further than their rental section inside. And in the past 2 years, they have offered the freshest produce you will find in their self serve area in the front of the store. There is a money box for convenient payment of cash and checks, and even a Venmo option. This, of course, will be a ways off, as the veggies still have to grow! "The customers love the fresh produce", says Jim. "We appreciate the support from our local friends and neighbors, and weather permitting, we will do it again this year!"

Kenyon/Wanamingo prom is coming up on May 2nd, and Zumbrot's prom is May 25th, so be sure to get your orders in on time for those special events, too. For special orders anytime, for all occasions, give them a call at



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## Amber Reher Speaks on Great Grains

By Jocelyn Aldrich

In the evening of March 26th, the Kenyon Public Library welcomed Amber Reher to speak on the importance and benefits of milling grain at home. The presentation was well-received and well-attended. During the presentation, Reher covered the importance of whole wheat products, shared some of her favorite recipes, and even shared some baked goodies with those in attendance. Reher's goal with this presentation was to help generate awareness of the benefits of whole grains. She wants others to know that milling grain at home, "isn't that difficult." She says, "there is definitely a learning curve when using fresh milled flour, but actually milling your own flour doesn't take much more time or effort and has amazing benefits."

Reher's interest in homemaking began early. She says, "I grew up on a dairy farm, so being around a farm that was producing food was a part of my life from the get-go." Her grandfather built her a chicken coop, and she began to raise a few chickens. As she grew up, she continued to be interested in learning more about how her food was grown and where it came from. Reher now lives on a farm with her family outside of Kenyon and enjoys implementing homesteading practices.

She says her interest in homesteading really grew when she began to have children. Reher sees the importance of homesteading, saying, "I think that it is very important not only for feeding our family but also for my kids to see where their food comes from and appreciate the effort and love that goes into each and every bite." Reher especially notes the benefits of freshly milled flour and was eager to share them with the community in her presentation. She noted that "fresh milled flour contains 40 out of the 44 essential nutrients for sustaining life. It is also high in fiber, is easier to digest, and has a lower glycemic index...[and] many people talk about stomach issues disappearing, skin problems clearing up, and improved overall energy and well-being when switching to fresh milled flour." Not only does freshly milled flour contain many health benefits, but it can also be used in all types of recipes. Just like flour from the store, freshly milled flour can be used as a thickener in soups, gravy, and even ice cream. Freshly milled flour also makes wonderful bread, cookies, pancakes, and pasta.

Wheat berries can be purchased through several wholesale suppliers, including Azure Standard and Grand Teton Ancient Grains. If you are interested in starting the journey of making freshly milled flour, common mill brands include NutriMill and Mockmill.

Stay tuned to the Kenyon Public Library's upcoming events to attend Amber Reher's next presentations. Topics will include homesteading, health, and making food from scratch.



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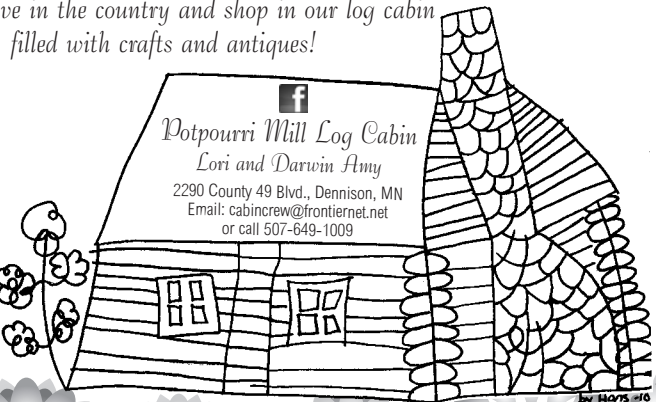
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**NOBLE KNIGHTS OF THE WEEK FOR APRIL 17, 2026**

Front Row: Kelly Sawyer, KG, Ms. Emma Kmoch; Aniyah Scott, KG, Mrs. Tanya Short; Ari'Elle Steinberg, Gr. 1, Mr. Tony Donkers; Vayda Amundson, Gr. 2, Mrs. Deb Hinrichs. Back Row: Eden Luedtke, Gr. 2, Mrs. Megan Jordan; Aiden Dressel, Gr. 3, Ms. Val Ashland; Wyatt Caron-Ross, Gr. 3, Mrs. Sandy Bohaty; Jaxson Cline, Gr. 4, Mrs. Chloe Gohman; Bexley Otto, Gr. 4, Ms. Rhonda Thesing

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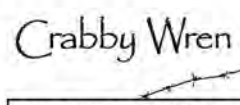
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# Minnesota Well Index

By Goodhue County Health and Human Services

Goodhue County, MN (April, 2026) – The Minnesota Well Index (MWI), maintained by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the University of Minnesota, plays an important role in protecting public health and groundwater resources. The MWI documents the location, construction details, and geology of more than 599,000 wells across the state.

The Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), in partnership with Goodhue County, is working to identify all private wells that supply drinking water to homes within the county. This information helps identify potential contamination sources, ensure safe drinking water, guide land use decisions, and support long-term groundwater management. This project is being funded by the Minnesota Department of Health.

In March, letters were sent to 1,290 households in the following townships and cities: Goodhue, City of Goodhue, Belvidere, Minneola, Zumbrota, City of Zumbrota, Pine Island, City of Pine Island, Roscoe, Wanamingo, City of Wanamingo, Cherry Grove, Kenyon, City of Kenyon, and Holden. In May, we will send letters out to the rest of Goodhue County households to fill out their well information.

When you receive a letter scan the QR code or use this link, <https://arcg.is/e0T5S2>, to fill out your well information. Please call Goodhue SWCD if you have any questions 651-923-5286 x4.



News

Rep. Keith Allen

DISTRICT 19A



Dear friends and neighbors,

I hope you are all safe and doing well after the major storm that blew through on Monday night. With large hail, rain, and wind gusts, I know that many people in the community are dealing with the aftermath. This may be assessing roof damage, car damage, or other property issues, but no matter what you are dealing with I want to offer my support as we recover from the storm. I would like to make you aware of a few resources that may be helpful to you, from the state:

Commerce Dept. Disaster Relief Guide  
Commerce Dept. Insurance Information  
Attorney General's Scam/Fraud Warning

As always, if you have any questions or need help, please reach out to my office. Additionally, I will be available this Friday for in-district office hours/Capitol help. This is a great place to meet and discuss any problems you are having in person. You can find more info here.

**Now, I have a few brief updates from our work at the Capitol this week.**

**An Update on our Work**

I want to provide an update on some of the work we are doing in St. Paul based on some conversations I have had in the community recently.

As I hope you know, fraud is the absolute top priority for us this session. Minnesota has some of the WORST fraud in the entire country, based on what has been uncovered and how many individuals have been charged. The bottom line is that Governor Walz and Attorney General Keith Ellison have turned a blind eye to the problem for a long, long time, and they are trying to smooth things over now that the problem has been blown wide open.

Some defendants in the fraud scandals have been tried in court, but the penalties have been meager at best. One of the biggest fraudsters was sentenced to 28 years in jail, while the rest have been much more mild punishments. Several defendants have just been give probation, and one alleged Medicaid fraudster was let out on unconditional bail this week. He promptly hopped on a plane out of the country and cannot be prosecuted now.

Another aspect of the issue, is recovering the lost funds from the fraud schemes. Many of the defendants have been ordered to pay restitution (pay back the stolen money) but only in amounts much smaller than how much they stole. This creates an issue for the state budget, as that money was lost and all of it won't be recovered, but it also shows fraudsters that they can commit these huge crimes and not face equal consequences.

The bottom line is that we must address the fraud issue both before it happens and make sure that any criminals are appropriately punished. One way that we can stop fraud on the front end is by establishing the independent Office of the Inspector General. House Republicans have been working on establishing this office for over a year, and House Democrats have been standing in the way for most of the time. I am hopeful that we will make progress on this and get it done this session, but we are running out of time.

**Working on Affordability**

Another top priority this session is making Minnesota a more affordable place to live, work, and raise a family. Although fraud has cost taxpayers a lot of money, sky-high taxes and other state sanctioned fees are pushing families to the edge.

I was proud to stand alongside my House Republican colleagues this week as we introduced an affordability package that would provide much needed financial relief to hard-working Minnesotans. The truth is that when the state has a spending issue, it should not be the responsibility of taxpayers to balance the budget.

Some of our proposals bring us in line with federal tax code, such as: no tax on tips and no tax on overtime. Others bring relief on taxes and fees, such as: a property tax refund and lowering car tab fees. Establishing the independent Office of the Inspector General is another portion of the proposal, as well as updating IT infrastructure to better prevent fraud and improve operation of our public programs.

I will share updates with you on these policy goals as we continue toward the end of the session.

**Please Contact Me**

I am here for you! If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to talk, I can be reached by phone at 651-296-8237 or by email. Thank you!

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tuesday, May 5                                                 | Kenyon<br>Goodhue Co. Shop<br>1005 Hwy 60 | 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday, May 19                                                | Wanamingo<br>Casey's - Hwy 60             | 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday, June 30                                               | Zumbrota<br>Park-N-Ride<br>Parking lot    | 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday, July 7                                                | Pine Island<br>Pine Island<br>High School | 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday, July 14                                               | Goodhue<br>Community Center               | 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM |
| Tuesday, July 21                                               | Cannon Falls<br>Lake Byllesby Park        | 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM |

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## 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Do's and Don'ts

### DO BRING:

**Paint/Stain/Thinner Etc.-**  
Bring unusable paint products to the collection.

**Pesticides/Herbicides (Non-Agricultural, Non-Commercial Grade) -**  
Products designed to kill weeds, bugs, rodents, mold and fungus.

**Automotive Products-**  
Bad gas, cleaners, anti-freeze, fuels, grease, lead-acid batteries.

**Household Products-**  
Drain opener, strong cleaners, spot removers, adhesives, acids & bases.

**Exotic Batteries-**  
Ni-Cad rechargeable, Button, Lithium, Mercury, other unusual batteries.

**Mercury Devices-**  
Thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches.

**Aerosol Cans-**  
Partial or plugged pressurized spray cans of all types. Empty, depressurized cans can be disposed of in trash.

Please limit quantities to 20 gallons per person per event, as space is limited at collections.

### DO NOT BRING:

**Business or Agricultural Hazardous Wastes-**  
Business wastes will be refused. Businesses should contact the Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility at 507-328-7078.

**Electronics-**  
City of Red Wing Waste Campus 651-385-3658

**Prescription Drugs-**  
Contact: Goodhue County Law Enforcement Center 651-385-3155

**Empty Containers-**  
If a container is empty and dry, it is no longer hazardous. Recycle or dispose of in trash.

**Fluorescent Tubes-**  
Bring them to the Goodhue County Recycling Center.

**Non-Hazardous Products-**  
Soaps, regular light bulbs, broken glass or ceramics, recyclables, trash.

**Waste Oil, Oil Filters-**  
Engine oils and filters can be recycled through local sources.

**Medical Wastes/Sharps-**  
Contact your local clinic or hospital for disposal information.

**Explosives and Ammunition-**  
Contact local law enforcement on their non-emergency number.

**Appliances-** No appliances.

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